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## BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING RESULTS

The City of Ormond Beach recently held a series of town hall budget meetings to receive input from citizens. These meetings were hosted by the Zone Commissioners and Mayor. After a brief overview of the current and projected budget, citizens were asked to provide input on two main areas: property taxes and service levels.

Regarding property taxes, citizens were asked if they favored either of the following options:

**Option A:** For the City to collect the same tax revenue resulting in an estimated shortfall of \$1,060,000. It was explained that under this option, the tax rate would be increased and the tax burden would be shifted to homesteaded property owners. The increase to homesteaded property owners was estimated to be \$34 annual for each \$100,000 in taxable value. It was noted at the final budget meeting that pre-preliminary taxable values had been received from the Volusia County property appraiser. Based on these revised figures, the increase to homestead property owners had been revised to \$48 annual per \$100,000 in taxable value.

**Option B:** Maintain the existing tax rate resulting in a \$2.1 million shortfall with homesteaded property owners paying approximately the same amount in taxes. The shortfall was

revised at the final budget meeting to an estimated \$2.7 million.

Of the residents who expressed a preference,:

**77.6%** favored **Option A** (Same tax rate) while **22.6%** favored **Option B**.

There were 96 citizens who attended the meetings, 62 of which who expressed a preference for either Option A or B.

Citizens were also given an opportunity to vote on service levels. Citizens were given red dots to denote areas to reduce, yellow dots to denote areas where some reduction would be accepted, and green dots to indicate areas they did not want reduced. The results of the voting indicate a strong desire by citizens to maintain Police and Fire services. Of the total "green" votes, 23.8% were cast in favor of keeping Police patrol and investigative services while 29.3% of the votes were cast in favor of keeping Fire services. The service areas receiving the largest percentage of votes to reduce were City Sponsored Sports (specifically adult sports programming) with 19.8% of the "red" votes and Contributions to outside agencies receiving 13.2% of the "red" votes.



# Town Hall Budget Meeting

## Zone 1

The final, in a series of Town Hall Budget Meetings, was held by Commissioner Lori Gillooly for Zone 1 on Monday June 8th at the Performing Arts Center. Also in attendance was Mayor Fred Costello.



Finance Director Kelly McGuire presented residents an overview of City finances and the financial projections for FY 2009-10 which anticipate declining real estate values and state shared revenues. Residents were then asked to provide feedback on services they would mostly likely support reductions in.

The Town Hall meetings were held to gain feedback, comments and suggestions from residents on the FY 2009-2010 budget.



Finally, residents were asked if they had an additional funds to spend, what, if any, would they spend and on which services. The information obtained from the meetings will aid the Commissioners as they begin the budget discussions in July.



## FEMA Informational Meeting

The City of Ormond Beach has taken remedial actions to assist residents by passing ordinances related to permit fee waivers, as well as hiring a mold consultant and legal counsel to assist residents and businesses in preparing the proper paperwork for insurance claims and FEMA assistance.

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the City is sponsoring a meeting with representatives from the State Emergency Management Office as well as FEMA consultants who specialize in acquisition of properties which have been substantially damaged by the no name storm.

The meeting shall take place at Ormond Beach City Hall, at 7:00pm. You are invited to attend this informational meeting.

Performing  
Arts  
Center



June 11th—14th -  
7:00 pm  
**South Beach Dance  
Recital**

June 19th—21st  
6:30 pm  
**Dance Art Theatre  
Recital**

June 22nd—25th  
7:30 pm  
**CMT Dance Recital**

June 26th-27th  
7:00pm  
**Volusia Academy of  
Ballet**

June 30th  
5:00 pm  
**Wyotech Graduation**

# Public Works in Action !

The Public Works Sign Shop was busy this week manufacturing and installing signs directing residents and vacationers to “Off Beach Parking”.



The Concrete crews continues its quest to rid the City of broken and unsightly sidewalks.



**Weekly Police Stats**  
Calls for Service - 1,295 Arrests- 17  
Citations Issued - 209  
Reports Written - 142 Traffic Stops - 289



## 106 INCIDENTS

**67 - EMS**  
**1 - Fire**  
**6- Motor Vehicle Accidents**  
**1 - Water Rescue**

**10 - Fire Alarms**  
**17 - Public Assists**  
**4 - Hazardous**

correction to last week's report - 69 Basic Life Support should have read 69 EMS - 1 advanced life support should have read 1 EMS as-

# New Roof at the PAC

Wayne's Roofing began construction on Monday, June 8th on the roof replacement project at the Performing Arts Center. The work was originally scheduled to begin in August, but new discoveries of leaks over the elevator maintenance room prompted immediate response.



the prices for the new roof came in well under budget!

The Facilities Maintenance Supervisor is overseeing the daily construction progress including the HVAC unit removal and replacement, waste removal and roofing system installation.

Thanks to the expertise of our Engineering Department, bid specifications were carefully written, and

All daytime classes at the Performing Arts Center continued as scheduled, and the evening classes and events were unaffected by the

## Recitals Galore!

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted the Nova Community Center dance program's recital on Saturday, June 6th. The cast, comprised of over 80 children ages 2 to 16, spent the past four months preparing for their debut roles as part of the 2009 Variety Follies Show. Singing, dancing and

much more graced the stage as

Beach Dance, Children's Musical Theatre, Kinetic Expressions Dance Academy, Dance Art Theatre and the Volusia Academy of Ballet. The PAC has become the official dance recital home for schools throughout Volusia County.



these talented young people shared their love of performing with the approximately 300 visitors who were awed by the two-hour presentation.

This is the first of six recitals scheduled in the PAC during the month of June. Also scheduled are South



## Lights, Camera, Action!



The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted the Kinetic Expressions Dance Academy annual photo shoot on stage on Monday, June 1st.

as the Performing Arts Center was transformed into a professional photo studio. Each dancer was given the opportunity to have multiple photos taken in various dance and formal outfits.



The group's dance students had their time to shine in front of the camera



# Play Ball!!!



Approximately 80-100 boys and girls had a great time while attending the Embry-Riddle/Steve Ridder Basketball Camp held at the Nova Community Center June 8-12. Classes were held from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$125.

The camp was designed for children ages 6-14. The training included exercises, drills, obstacle courses and competitive games. The experienced coaches held the attention of all participants through their sense of humor and expert instruction. Each child received individualized attention according to their age and skill level.



Since 1991, Coach Ridder and his staff have directed the very popular Embry-Riddle/Steve Ridder Basketball Camps

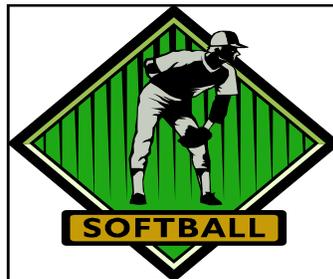
and Team Camps. Students are taught new skills and an understanding of the importance of good sportsmanship, discipline, leadership and citizenship. Participants work hard and have fun!

Coach Ridder has been with Embry-Riddle since 1989 and has compiled an extensive list of accomplishments including his 2009 induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame. His other honors include the NAIA National Coach of the Year, District and Conference Coach of the Year, and Central Florida Coaches Association Coach of the Year.



## Adult Coed Softball ...a Big Hit!

The 2009 spring adult coed softball season finished up their season this week with the post-season double-elimination playoffs. The ten teams were split for the playoffs into an "A" and "B" bracket, determined by their overall record for both halves.



The "B" final came down to the top two teams in the lower bracket, with the winning team, coincidentally being nameless; never having come up with a name for the team the entire season. The "non-name" team beat the highest seeded "B" team in the final, 15-13. The "no-name" team came out of "nowhere" from the beginning of the season when they won only two of their first nine games.

The "A" final came down to the two best teams, with the #2 seeded team, Total Chaos, winning the first game out of the losers bracket to force an "if" game. The "if" game was won by the #1 seeded team, The Parrotheads by a score of 11-5. **The Parrotheads are led by City Attorney, Randy Hayes, who is their team captain.**

This was the 18<sup>th</sup> spring season for the coed league. This year also marks the first year the teams are playing under the rules of the National Softball Association (NSA). The main difference is the pitching mound is moved from 50 to 55 feet, the bases from 65 to 70 feet, and the ball from a high core to a softball core. Based on the results of the changes, the league is going to remain as is for the fall season, which starts in August.

# Campus Outreach is Here

For the second year in a row, Ormond Beach is fortunate to have the assistance of 18 college youth from Georgia who are part of the Campus Outreach ministry. They will spend their entire summer vacation assisting the City of Ormond Beach in various City-wide improvement projects.



were unable to find paying positions in our area. Campus Outreach contacted many non-profit and government entities including Habitat for Humanity, Daytona Beach Leisure Services, Volusia County Leisure Services and Ormond Beach Leisure Services with the hope of providing volunteers with the opportunity to give approximately 40 hours a week to the community which will allow them to still participate in the Outreach program.

The Performing Arts Center Supervisor is the City's program liaison and will be meeting daily with the youth to schedule projects, assign team leaders and share knowledge of municipal operations and functions.

The volunteers, who are staying

The volunteers took a tour of the City and have been working with pride, enthusiasm and unselfish spirit. They have already completed a number of projects including cleaning the pool tables at the Senior Center, cleaning out the hurricane relief food pan-



try, cleaning signs at Central Park, repairing decking at Central Park, unloading park furniture, assembling new picnic tables, repacking damaged furniture, handing out door-to-door notices regarding fireworks, and cleaning out under the seating storage area at the Performing Arts Center.

Last year volunteers from the Campus Outreach Program worked tirelessly completing 3,548 hours of service for the City of Ormond Beach. During these tough economic times with budget shortfalls, their help is truly a blessing.



The Campus Outreach "Summer Beach Project" is an outreach program that has been held in Daytona Beach since 1991. Their mission is to partner with several colleges from Georgia to provide opportunities for students to serve by ministry. The students attend classes in the evenings to help them excel in their ministry and try to find daytime jobs while they are here in order to offset their expenses for food and lodging.



at a local hotel in Ormond Beach, will be here June 1-July 21. The group is comprised of students representing various schools including Georgia College and State University, Georgia Southern, Mercer University, Augusta State University, Valdosta State University, and USC Aiken.



Due to the declining economy, many students



## More Campus Outreach....

It is evident in speaking with the individual volunteers, that they are here in Ormond Beach for the purpose of making our world a better place. As a community, we are truly thankful for the gifts these remarkable students have be-



through a ministry called Campus Outreach. We learn about the Lord and reach out to the community.” – Josh Davis (GCSU)

Q: What do you think about the City of Ormond Beach?

A: “I love it because it’s always inviting to Campus Outreach, and it is supportive of why we are here.” –Jared Wozny (Mercer)



Q: What are your expectations in volunteering for the City of Ormond Beach?

A: “I want to learn what it means to better serve a community and then take it back with me to my own community.” –Emily Brewer (Valdosta)

Q: How would you like to apply what you have learned at Beach Project to volunteering at the City of Ormond Beach?

A: “I hope to try and work as if I am working for the Lord and not for men, so that I can serve the community whole heartedly with a purpose in mind.” –Kristen Jenkins (Mercer)



stowed upon us.

### Q&A With The Volunteers

Q: What is Summer Beach Project, and why are you involved with it?

A: “It’s a Christian training experience for college students

Q: Why did you decide to volunteer for the City of Ormond Beach?

A: “It was something I heard about that was needed for the City of Ormond Beach. I had the opportunity to volunteer because God provided money for me to live off.” –Ryan Kain (Georgia Southern)



## How to keep cool.....

Things have finally gotten back to normal (whatever normal means) over at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. After all the rain has cleared out; the temperature’s rising, and the kids and crew are just about dried out.



As you’re looking for something fun, cool (and free), to do this summer, think about visiting the splash pad at South Ormond on 176 Division Avenue. It’s open everyday for the summer from 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. You can also pay to reserve the splash pad for your next party!